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## 1 In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 5           1. (Original) A fastener assembly comprising:  
a plate having a bearing surface;  
a stud held within said plate; and  
an extending portion extending from the bearing  
surface.
- 10           2. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 wherein:  
said extending portion comprises a groove.
- 15           3. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 further  
comprising:  
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.
- 20           4. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 3 wherein:  
said extending portion extends parallel to a plane of  
said attachment leg.
- 25           5. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 wherein:  
said plate comprises a raised portion.
- 30           6. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 further comprising:  
a cone formed on said plate, said cone holding said stud.
7. (Currently Amended) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 wherein:  
said stud does not extend ~~below~~ below the bearing surface.
8. (Currently Amended) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 wherein:  
said stud extends ~~below~~ below the bearing surface.
9. (Currently Amended) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 wherein  
35 the extending portion further serves as ~~comprising~~:

1            guide means, formed in said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly in  
a track.

10. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 further comprising:  
5            means, formed in said plate, for assisting collapse of the raised  
portion.

11. (Original) A fastener assembly comprising:  
a plate having a bearing surface;  
10           a stud held within said plate; and  
guide means, placed on said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly  
within a track.

12. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 11 wherein;  
15           said guide means comprises a groove.

13. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 11 wherein:  
said guide means comprises a tab.

20           14. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 11 further comprising:  
a raised portion formed in said plate.

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15. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 12 further comprising:  
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate, and  
25           said groove extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.

16. (Original) A fastener assembly comprising:  
a plate having a raised portion;  
a stud held within said plate; and  
30           a plurality of grooves formed within the raised portion of said plate,  
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse  
when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.

17. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 16 wherein:  
35           the raised portion of said plate has a substantially rectangular cross  
section.

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18. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 17 wherein:  
one of said plurality of grooves is placed at each corner of said  
rectangular cross section.

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19. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 16 wherein:  
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

20. (Original) A fastener assembly feeding system for use with a  
10 power actuated gun comprising:  
a plate;  
a stud held within said plate;  
an extending portion formed on said plate;  
a feeding track; and  
15 a mating portion formed on said track, said mating portion  
complementing said extending portion,  
whereby the fastener is guided along said feeding track.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~faster~~ fastener feeding system for use  
20 with a power actuated gun as in claim 20 wherein:  
said extending portion comprises a groove.

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22. (Currently Amended) A ~~faster~~ fastener feeding system for use  
with a power actuated gun as in claim 20 further comprising:  
25 an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

23. (Currently Amended) A ~~faster~~ fastener feeding system for use  
with power actuated gun as in claim 20:  
wherein said plate has a raised portion.

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24. (Original) A fastener assembly feeding system for use with a  
power actuated gun comprising:  
a plate having a bearing leg with a raised portion and an attachment  
leg;  
35 a stud frictionally held within the raised portion of said bearing leg;

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- 1 a groove placed within said bearing leg between said stud and said attachment leg, said groove extending parallel to a plane of the attachment leg;
- a foot formed on one edge of said bearing leg;
- 5 a tab formed in said bearing leg and extending in a direction opposite to said foot;
- a track portion adapted to receive said plate;
- a mating portion formed in said track portion, said mating portion complementing and adapted to receive said groove; and
- 10 a channel formed within said track portion, said channel adapted to receive said tab,
- whereby a plurality of fastener assemblies are guided along said track.

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25. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 12 further comprising:
- 15 a raised portion formed in said plate.
26. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 13 further comprising:
- a raised portion formed in said plate.

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